AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2142

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "International Narcotics
- 3 Trafficking Emergency Response by Detecting Incoming
- 4 Contraband with Technology Act" or the "INTERDICT
- 5 Act".

6 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

- 7 In this Act:
- 8 (1) Chemical screening device.—The term
- 9 "chemical screening device" means an immunoassay,
- 10 narcotics field test kit, infrared spectrophotometer,
- 11 mass spectrometer, nuclear magnetic resonance
- spectrometer, Raman spectrophotometer, or other
- scientific instrumentation able to collect data that
- can be interpreted to determine the presence of
- 15 fentanyl, other synthetic opioids, and other narcotics
- and psychoactive substances.

1	(2) Commissioner.—The term "Commis-
2	sioner" means the Commissioner of U.S. Customs
3	and Border Protection.
4	(3) Express consignment operator or car-
5	RIER.—The term "express consignment operator or
6	carrier" has the meaning given that term in section
7	128.1 of title 19, Code of Federal Regulations (or
8	any similar successor regulation).
9	SEC. 3. INTERDICTION OF FENTANYL, OTHER SYNTHETIC
10	OPIOIDS, AND OTHER NARCOTICS AND
11	PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES.
12	(a) Chemical Screening Devices.—The Commis-
13	sioner shall—
14	(1) increase the number of chemical screening
15	devices available to U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
16	tection officers over the number of such devices that
17	are available on the date of the enactment of this
18	Act; and
19	(2) make such additional chemical screening de-
20	vices available to U.S. Customs and Border Protec-
21	tion officers as the Commissioner determines are
22	necessary to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic
23	opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive sub-
24	stances that are illegally imported into the United

- 1 through the mail or by an express consignment oper-
- ator or carrier.
- 3 (b) Personnel to Interpret Data.—The Com-
- 4 missioner shall dedicate the appropriate number of U.S.
- 5 Customs and Border Protection personnel, including sci-
- 6 entists, so that such personnel are available during all
- 7 operational hours to interpret data collected by chemical
- 8 screening devices.

9 SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- There is authorized to be appropriated to the Com-
- 11 missioner \$9,000,000 to ensure that U.S. Customs and
- 12 Border Protection has resources, including chemical
- 13 screening devices, personnel, and scientists, available dur-
- 14 ing all operational hours to prevent, detect, and interdict
- 15 the unlawful importation of fentanyl, other synthetic
- 16 opioids, and other narcotics and psychoactive substances.

